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Having Desired Characteristics

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§ 1.98

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The references cited on attached form PTO-1449 are being called to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed. Please note, the specification for USSN 09/408,932, USSN 09/626,588, USSN 09/626,930, USSN 626,595, USSN 09/626,929, USSN 09/626,601, USSN 09/694,863 and USSN 09/694,864 are identical as are the specifications of USSN 09/618,579, USSN 09/721,396, USSN 09/721,395, USSN 09/721,598, USSN 09/718,765, USSN 718,765, USSN 09/718,849, USSN 09/718,682 and

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USSN 09/721,365 and the specifications of USSN 09/484,850, USSN 09/721,601 and WO00/42561 and therefore only one copy enclosed. It is respectfully requested that the cited information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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